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In re Patent Application of:
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
IDENTIFYING AND PURCHASING MUSIC

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 17, 2004, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following sets of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1-13, 28-38, 40 and 41, drawn to a portable communications device, classified in class 455, subclass 566.

II. Claims 14-26 and 39, drawn to a method of identifying and purchasing a full audio work, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

III. Claims 27 drawn to a system for identifying and purchasing a full audio work, classified in class 235, subclass 383.

With respect to the above-identified groups, it appears that the Examiner erroneously grouped claims 16-26 with the method claims of Group II, as claims 16-26 are

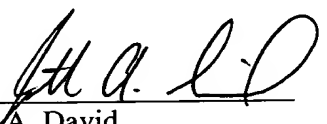
drawn to portable communications *devices*, rather than methods of identifying and purchasing full audio works.

In any event, Applicant hereby elects Group I (assuming claims 16-26 are included therein), and in particular elects the species of claims 18-26, given that claims 16 and 18 of claims 16-26 were identified as distinct species by the Examiner in Paragraph 6 of the Office Action. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications corresponding to non-elected claims.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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